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Hubert SCHUEBBERG

President of BfV

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cies for February 1957.

1. (CONFIDENTIAL) Hubert SCHUEBBERG was born 3 November 1907 in AACKLINGHAUSEN, North Rhine-Westphalia. Upon completion of his elementary and high school education, he studied law at the Universities of TUEBINGEN, BERLIN, and MUENSTER. He subsequently became a Referendar (Junior Barrister) in Hamm upon the completion of his first state legal examinations on 11 July 1931 and later passed his second examinations on 15 March 1935, serving as an assessor in BERLIN. On 1 June 1939 he was appointed Staatsanwalt (Prosecuting Attorney) in BOCHUM, North Rhine-Westphalia, where he practised in the Oberlandesgericht (Provincial Court of Appeals) at Hamm.

2. (CONFIDENTIAL) From August 1943 to May 1946 SCHUEBBERG reportedly served with the German Armed Forces. He was a member of the II SS Grenadier Panzer Brigade during August 1944 and subsequently served with the 6/SS Grenadier Panzer Regiment #36 (a police unit). The highest rank attained during his military service was Unterwachtmeister (Sergeant). On 20 August 1944 he was dispatched to POGNY, France and on 5 September 1944 was taken prisoner at CHAUMONT and subsequently interned by the British at PW Camp No. 17, registered as PW No. R737. He later was interrogated at "Wilton Park" (a location on the outskirts of London where POWs of particular interest were debriefed by the British during World War II). At an undetermined date in 1946 SCHUEBBERG was released from British captivity and on 1 January 1947 he was appointed Staatsanwalt in MORTMUND by the British Military Government. During March 1947 he became Oberstaatsanwalt (Chief Prosecuting Attorney) at the Oberlandesgericht of Muenster and during July 1948 was appointed Oberstaatsanwalt in Muenster. In October 1948, the Central Legal Office of the British Military Government in HAMBURG appointed SCHUEBBERG Oberstaatsanwalt of the Supreme Zonal Court in COLOGNE (British Zone).

a. On 1 October 1950, the German Ministry of Justice, District of BONN, selected SCHUEBBERG to assume the position of Oberstaatsanwalt beim Bundesgericht (Federal Prosecuting Attorney at the Federal Court) in KARLSRUHE. From 1 October to July 1955 he served as Generalstaatsanwalt (Attorney General) in the Oberlandesgericht of DUESSELDORF.

b. In the summer of 1955 Dr. Hans JESS, acting president of the BfV (who had assumed the position after the defection of Otto JOHN) announced his retirement as of 31 July 1955. SCHUEBBERG was selected to succeed the retiring JESS and became the Provisional President of BfV as of 1 August 1955, and subsequently assumed the position on a permanent basis as of December 1955. SCHUEBBERG reportedly had never been a member of the NSDAP, or active

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with any other political party. Although his present political affiliation is not specifically known, it is felt that he is a conservative with leanings toward the CDU. Prior to his appointment to the Presidency of the BfV, SCHAUUEBBERS possessed neither experience nor technical knowledge in the field of intelligence and security operations. Statements indicated that his appointment was predicated on his solid background of unquestioned respectability and the degree of respect he had gained in the judicial, police, ministerial and parliamentary circles through his legal activities, and success as a career official.

3. (CONFIDENTIAL) Shortly after the assumption of his office at the BfV, SCHAUUEBBERS visited the British Security Organization (BSO) at the Northern Army Group Headquarters in MCMCHEN-GLADBACH on 24 August 1955, at the invitation of the BSO. The purpose of this visit was to explain the functions of BSO and the assistance BSO could provide to the BfV. During the week of 18 June 1956 he was a guest of the British Intelligence Service in England. His visit was an additional attempt on the part of the British to further and improve relationships with the BfV and to make known certain British suggestions regarding the improvement of BfV's internal organization. SCHAUUEBBERS reportedly was informed that the BSO would continue to assist in the training of BfV personnel and that BfV would have free use of the training materials, experts, and lecturers of BSO.

4. (CONFIDENTIAL) SCHAUUEBBERS reportedly has concerned himself with the broader problems confronting the BfV. He has taken steps to improve the relationship between the BfV and the LfV and has also nourished the cooperation of BfV with other agencies of Germany. His primary concern is to cooperate with other organizations without allowing other organizations to invade or usurp the legitimate spheres of operational interests of the BfV. He has expressed an attitude of whole hearted cooperation with Allied agencies in those fields with which they are legitimately concerned, but, has again reiterated his desire to withhold cooperation with Allied Intelligence agencies in cases or matters which are exclusively of German concern.

5. (CONFIDENTIAL) SCHAUUEBBERS is married to Johanna-Maria SCHAUUEBBERS, nee UHL, and is the father of a teen-age daughter and son. His wife is a former concert singer from TUEBINGEN and is presently active as a singing teacher in COLOGNE and has worked in connection with the Radio Station WDR in COLOGNE. SCHAUUEBBERS has been described as a well educated man, and an extremely competent lawyer who is well liked by his associates. He repeatedly has been referred to as a confirmed pipe smoker whose special hobby is photography.